

The Examiner indicates that Inventions I and II are related as a process of making a product on the one hand (Invention I) and a product and process of using the product on the other (Invention II). The Examiner asserts with respect to the process of making and the process of using the product that restriction is proper in view of MPEP § 806.05(i) as the product is not allowable. This restriction is improper because, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the product claims are indeed patentable (novel and nonobvious) over any prior art. The Examiner has asserted no rejection nor cited any art in support of the bald allegation of non-allowability.

With respect to the restriction between the process of making and the product itself, the Examiner argues that restriction is proper under MPEP §806.05(f) because the process of making "can be used to make other and materially different product like adsorbents other than polysaccharides and the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process like adsorption of immunoglobulins, etc..." The process of making as defined by claim 1 refers to the coating of a support material with a chitosan. The product as defined by claim 8 calls for a support material coated with a chitosan. The Examiner has not explained how any product formed by the process of claim 1 can fall outside the scope of claim 8. Nor has the Examiner offered any support for the bald allegation that the product can be formed by a process outside that defined in claim 1. Therefore, the restriction between the process of making and the product itself is likewise improper.

Further, the Examiner has not shown that the Examiner would incur a serious searching burden. Lacking such a showing, this restriction requirement is overcome and should be withdrawn.

As can be seen, for the above reasons, this restriction requirement is overcome and therefore should be withdrawn. All of the claims of this application should now be examined on the merits at the same time.

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Kindly consider this amendment and enter it into the record of this application.
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